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TELECON  
Mr. Binder/The Secretary  
October 16, 1975  
Time: 5:25 p.m.

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B: What were you doing talking up there?

K: I don't want to carry this further -- this is for your information only, not to be used.

B: O.K.

K: This was in the context of that lady asking me about the qualities of the Presidents. I told her I thought Nixon was a good President. It wasn't critical of Nixon. The rest were fragments of personality stories that I told.

B: I heard that she asked you who were good presidents and you listed Turman, Eisenhower and Nixon.

K: Right.

B: And after that you cited some of his good qualities. It went on from there. Have you talked to Nixon today?

K: I told him I was sorry if I caused him any embarrassment. He doesn't need that from me. This is not for quotation.

B: O.K. I understand.

K: Are you going to write a story about it?

B: Yes. I have to. Someone made a recording up there and it is being broadcast all over the place.

K: Is there more?

B: Do you want to hear what we have?

K: Is it worth it.

B: It starts with Kennedy at the time of his death you said he had not done any substantial work. I want to make clear that I liked him as a President -- I thought he was a disaster for the first two years in office and he didn't know where he was going. What did he accomplish? That is what we have for him. On the Nixon thing, he was very good on foreign policy but he was a very ordered man. He was decisive, but unpleasant. It was an effort for him to be on TV. When he met someone, he thought it out very carefully and that meant he didn't enjoy people. He had to meet new people. That sort of thing. There is more about Jackie.

K: Are you going to run the whole thing.

B: I am afraid we have to.

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K: You know, I think journalism is turning vicious.

B: It turned that way along time ago.

K: It is highly unethical.

B: I think it is disgusting.

K: What does it say about Joe Kennedy?

B: You said he was a good loser.

K: I said he was a tough guy.

B: Mind you, this tape isn't good quality. It is sort of like the Watergate tapes.

K: I wasn't talking to her continuously so it must be fragmented.

B: I am sorry.

K: This is going to have the great advantage of infuriating everyone.

B: I am told someone erased one tape but this little girl from New Radio Limited kept a record. I am sorry.

K: O.K.